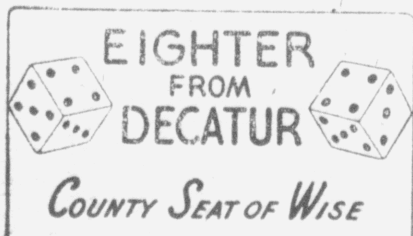


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CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR THE NEEDY OF THE COMMUNITY BEGINS GATHERING DATA

The Decatur Christmas Cheer program, an undertaking to bring Christmas to the lesser fortunate of the community, started work last week compiling names of families, number of children, and their needs.

So far, contributions have been from:

C. P. Dodson	\$25.00
Mrs. Clinton Kersey	5.00
Miss Bell Ford	5.00
Miss Bell Ford's Grade	1.50

This program is carried on each year by a group of local

businessmen who give their time and money to bring a little Christmas cheer to those who otherwise might be forgotten.

Persons knowing of families who need help are asked to call Mrs. Alma Jennings at the Red Cross office, who will investigate. It is the purpose of the program to care for the needs of everyone in actual need.

The cooperation of the citizens is asked in contributing money with which to buy the food. See CHEER on page 6, col. 6

D.B.C. BASKETBALL TOURNEY OPENS TODAY FOR THREE DAYS

High School basketball in its best form will be seen in the Gymnasiums of both Decatur Baptist College and Decatur High School, Decatur, Texas, on December 10th, 11th, and 12th when the Decatur Baptist College opens its sixth annual high school basketball tournament. During the past six years much interest has been shown in this High School Invitational Tournament which will be played by basketball teams from all sections of Texas. These teams will compete with each other for the coveted first place winners spot.

To the winners of the first place goes the Traveling Trophy which is awarded to the first place winner each year. Should any one team win the Traveling Trophy for three times, then the trophy is the property of that team. The winner also wins the permanent trophy which belongs to the team. The team winning also wins individual awards which stay with the individual players.

There is usually much interest in the tournament by both players and spectators, coming to support the "home team." This year's tournament will consist of twenty-three teams, with about ten players from each team participating.

Teams entered this year are from Bryson, McKinney, Boyd, Birdville, (Fort Worth), Decatur, Buckner's Home (Dallas), Granbury, Bellevue, Chico, Henrietta, Slidell, and Bridgeport. These are the boys' teams.

The Girls' teams come from Bryson, Olney, Irving, Bellevue, Birdville, Granbury, Chico, Bridgeport, Slidell, Decatur, and Boyd.

P.T.A. TO HAVE XMAS PROGRAM NEXT TUESDAY

A Christmas program will be presented by Mrs. O. L. James and Mrs. Jim Cook at the Decatur Parent-Teachers Meeting on Tuesday, December 15, at 3 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Immediately after the program, tea will be served in the homecoming room.

We hope to see every member present.

PLAZA TO INSTALL WIDE SCREEN

The Plaza will have a new Magnascope screen within two weeks, Manager Jim Miller informed us yesterday.

Miller was in Dallas Tuesday making arrangements for the installation which will be installed possibly within ten days.

READ THE ADS!



● Santa will not appear on the Decatur streets, his visit here last week will be his only appearance ● Plans for programs for the Xmas season are being considered but none have been announced ● The parking zones and the no parking areas throughout the city are receiving white and yellow coats of paint this week ● The Wise County Methodist Men's father and son meeting Monday night here was well attended, Rev. Craig of Gainesville being a guest ● The 4-H Awards banquet Tuesday night prepared for over 200 persons, being held in the basement of the Methodist Church, with awards going to the winners named in last week's Messenger ● Some of our motorists are being reminded to drive and park on the right side of the street ● We haven't heard too much politics so far, we know many who won't run, but few who are really planning to make the race for some office ● A few have been by to ask us questions concerning things (but we doubt our opinion is worth much) about political campaigns ● Robert Taylor's place south of town was entered last week and articles of bed covering taken ● Who swiped a lady's lunch from the lady's car Tuesday morning? ● Sage Nobles is now clerk in the post office, which, he says, interferes with his wolf hunting ● George Prescott has prepared several Christmas card notices and mailing procedure for Xmas in placard form, which are very noticeable and well prepared ● If you haven't contributed to the Xmas Cheer fund, do so ● And this would be a good time to renew your subscription to this paper ● W. A. Mauldin and Wendell Rogers discussing the merits of being from Greenwood ● Rook and Co. supervised the construction of the Nativity scene, with some time lost to find the figures to fill the building ● The college is toying with the idea of starting a monthly newspaper ●

● Warren Hunt and Earl Nunneley are back in Decatur after spending the past few weeks serving on the federal grand jury in Fort Worth ● So many meetings are being held nowadays, it's impossible to cover them all. For instance, Monday night a meeting was held on flood control of Sandy Creek, another was the centennial meeting, another was the father and son meeting at the First Methodist Church, another was three basketball games at the high school gym, and perhaps others. Seems impossible to schedule and kind of meeting any date without conflicting with the plans of some club or organization. Our failure to report fully on all such meetings is our inability to be three or four people at the same time ●

● We have had several calls for Xmas greeting ads for our Christmas edition. If you desire one, and we haven't called on you, give us a ring and we will be glad to bring you proofs of various sizes ● The Joe Formans and LaDonna went visiting last week, but we had a local which substituted the Ray H. Formans for the Joe Formans. Seems we keep passing LaDonna from one family to the other, but since the Joe Formans desire to keep her, we apologize for our error ● If you haven't selected your Christmas cards, better hurry. Only 15 days until Xmas ● Christmas trees are fast sellers, everyone has a tree of some kind, some small, some large, but home is not a home Christmas without a tree ●

● Shop first in Decatur for all your Christmas remembrances ● Attractive Xmas windows and displays are much in evidence throughout the business district ● The roof of Westway Sportswear building is being given a new covering this week ● The new Chevrolet and the new Pontiacs for 1954 are coming next week end ●

See EIGHTER, page 4, col. 3

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FOR 1954 GIVEN GREEN LIGHT

A meeting of representatives of civic organizations and clubs of Boyd, Decatur and Bridgeport met Monday night in the basement of the Methodist Church, decided the county should have a Centennial celebration in 1954, and started off with appointment of officers and steering committee.

President, Ernest Watson, Decatur; Vice-President, George Harwood, Bridgeport; Secretary, Mrs. T. S. McCaleb, Decatur.

Members of the steering committee: E. W. Bassham, Boyd; C. A. Brooks, Chico; Howard Meyers, Bridgeport; Carl Slay, Rhame; John Winder, Paradise; Manuel McCarroll, Slidell; W. L. Yoakum, Newark; Lloyd Sands, Alvord; Thurman Still, Greenwood; Drew Grantham, Boonsville; Mrs. Otis Strickland, Decatur.

Those in attendance at the meeting included:

Mrs. C. G. Powell, Pythian Sisters, Decatur

Modena Burnett, Amer. Legion Auxiliary and Decatur B-P-W Club

Mrs. York Simpson, Shiloh-Jonestown HD Club

Mrs. W. A. Caldwell, Shiloh-Jonestown HD Club

Mrs. R. E. Blankenship, Decatur Garden Club

Mrs. T. S. McCaleb, Decatur Garden Club

Mrs. Charlie Rann, Decatur Woman's Club

Mrs. Fred Thomason, Decatur Garden Club

Mrs. Geo. Elder, Legion Auxiliary

Ralph J. Dodson, Chamber of Commerce, Decatur

A. L. Duncan, chamber of Commerce, Decatur

Charles W. Jones, Decatur Baptist College

J. B. Rasbury, Decatur Baptist College

C. L. Basham, Boyd

George Harwood, Bridgeport

R. E. Petty, Boyd

J. A. White, Boyd

Earl Nunneley, Decatur Fire Department

Phil Luker, Chamber of Commerce, Decatur

O. Ray Brown, FFA, Decatur

J. T. Dunn, Chamber of Commerce, Decatur

Joe Wren, Decatur

Jim Miller, Chamber of Commerce

Other than hearing a representative of a company to stage the historical pageant, and deciding the celebration should be held, nothing further was accomplished. As soon as the steering committee and the officers confer and a plan of action taken, further announcement will be made.

MEETING DISCUSSES SANDY CONTROL

A meeting to study plans for the flood control of Sandy Creek was held here Monday night, with a group of interested farmers and ranchers present to hear the discussions of Soil Conservationists with this regard.

J. H. Johnson of Fort Worth, spoke on the flood control problem, which is to be discussed further. Possible trips of those interested may be made to areas where flood control plans have been carried out, to see first hand just what such a program may accomplish.

Other meetings are planned for the future, to be announced.

NATIVITY SCENE WITH ADDITIONS BEING ERECTED

The Nativity scene has been erected on the north side of the court house lawn this week. The scene is the same as last year with the addition of the Wise Men and their camels.

The Chamber of Commerce voted this year to enlarge the scene by adding these new figures. The manger scene remained from last year.

Social Security Representative Here

A representative of the Fort Worth Social Security Office will be in Decatur in the County Court House on December 18, 1953, at 8:30 a.m.

EAGLES WIN FROM WEATHERFORD 51-29 GIRLS LOSE TWO

In basketball this week, Decatur won one game and lost one. Decatur defeated Weatherford by the score of 51-29. Weatherford had defeated Decatur by two points in an overtime period earlier in the year. Morgan Woodruff and Jarvis Gantt led the scorers with 14 and 13 points.

The Eagles lost to Whitesboro by the score of 45-53. Danny Starnes and Jarvis Gantt led the scorers with 16 and 14 points.

The Eagles play in the DBC tournament this week. They play Buckner's Orphans Home first.

The Eagles lineup is still undecided as to whom will be starters. The Eagles have seven men fighting for the five places on the starting lineup. So far in five games, the same boys have not started a game.

The Eagles play Irving in Decatur Tuesday night. Irving has a strong boys team this year. They defeated the Eagles by the score of 52-55 earlier in the year.

The Juniors and the B team also won their games with Weatherford the same night, making a clean sweep.

GIRLS TEAMS LOSE TWO THRILLERS

Decatur High School Girls have lost their last two basketball games. Sherman High School defeated the girls at Sherman Sat., Dec. 5, by a score of 57-53. Tuesday night, Dec. 5 Whitesboro, last year's state finalist, defeated the girls by a score of 79-78. Tuesday night, Dec. 1st, Decatur "B" team defeated Ponder in an overtime game by the score of 29-27.

Sherman will return their game with the girls here on Thursday night, Dec. 17, at 7:00 p.m. Our girls hope to split the season at that time. Whitesboro will return their game on Tuesday, Dec. 22. The girls hope to stop Whitesboro's all state forward and return their defeat. This week they are entered in the DBC Tournament.

XMAS PROGRAM MONDAY NIGHT AT HIGH SCHOOL

The High School Auditorium will be the scene of a large Christmas program, Monday night, at seven-thirty. Over two hundred students will be in the various choirs, and the finale will consist of the Junior High Choir and the Girls' Chorus singing together. Special numbers by different groups will also be included in the program. The different choirs will be under the direction of Mrs. O. L. James. This is a free program and everyone is invited to attend.

BANK ASKS FOR TOYS FOR NEEDY

The First National Bank personnel again this year are collecting toys, which will be sent to the children of needy families at Christmas.

Decaturites are asked to bring any discarded toys of any description (which may still be used) and place them under the Xmas tree in the bank lobby.

The bank has for the past several years made this collection and the cooperation of the citizens is asked so the assortment may be large enough to care for the needs.

DECATUR HI EAGLES ON FT. WORTH PRESS TEAM

The Fort Worth Press last week end made their selections of all-district football players in District 11AA, which listed Dwayne Hill of Decatur at center on the first team.

Jerry Dunaway, at end; Kenneth Lambert and Don Stone at tackles; and Jarvis Gantt as a back made the second team.

Mrs. Jim Tucker from California, is visiting her mother, Mrs. P. L. Wade, who has recently returned from Lubbock.

EDUCATION COMMISSION OK'S TEN-YR. IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR DECATUR COLLEGE

The Education Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas meeting in Dallas Tuesday, voted unanimously to approve the action of the Board of Trustees of Decatur Baptist College to keep the college in Decatur. They also approved plans outlined by Dr. Otis Strickland, President of the School, designed to meet the standards of acceptance by the Southern Association of Colleges. These include plans for expansion of the present curriculum and improvement of the physical facilities of the College. These plans had met the unanimous approval Monday night of the Baptist School Administration, an organization composed of the Presidents of the Baptist schools in the state.

One major step in this movement was taken by Decatur Baptist College. Students desiring to complete their education in another college or university receive courses as outlined in a curriculum coordinated with the requirements of the school of their choice.

Present plans are designed to meet the standards of the Southern Association of Colleges by the end of a 10-year improvement program. This will require the building of additional educational facilities, the purchase of additional equipment, furniture and fixtures as well as meeting certain academic standards.

One basic change this will bring will be the separation of the Academy from the Junior College. Decatur Baptist College has been unique in her ministry in that it is the only Baptist School in the state that maintains high school work as well as the first two years of College. It has therefore become a haven for students who, because of age or other reasons, do not fit readily into our public schools. It will be necessary under Southern Association Standards to maintain a separate teaching staff for the high school courses. Steps have already been taken to expand the present 1-year high school curriculum to 2-years (years 3 and 4). This will enable the College to attract enough of these Special Students to justify the maintenance of this separate group of teachers.

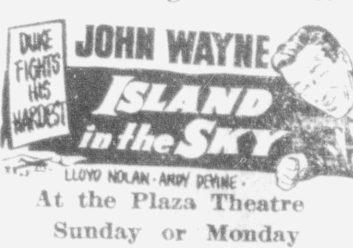
Another change will be the expansion of the present curriculum to include more courses of a terminal nature. These will be designed to meet the needs of the immediate area served by the College. Already an intensive course in Business Administration is being offered in both the day College and the Evening College. Others to be added include shopwork, arts and crafts, agriculture, radio and electronics, and others as evidence indicates are needed.

An intensive advertising campaign is already under way and will be expanded by the aid of the Baptist School Administration and the Education Commission.

Tentative plans call for a million dollar campaign that will be launched at Homecoming in March or April. Plans for the campaign have not been completed by the Board of Trustees.

Approval by the Education Commission was the major obstacle in launching the Improvement Program initiated by the Trustees two years ago. With the removal of this obstacle, Decatur Baptist College can now launch a program of fund raising that will make possible the projected expansion program.

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Thanks to all the subscribers who have renewed for their Messenger so promptly following our request that subscriptions expiring now or soon be renewed before January 1.

Following is a list of new and renewal subscriptions of the past two weeks:

Those from Decatur and the routes are:

Renewals:
F. W. Rosenberg, Raymond Goodger, W. R. Buffington, G. F. Burchard, C. G. Powell, C. L. McNair, J. R. White, L. P. Cole, Wallace Hughes, E. C. Hudson, Vernon Askey, Mrs. John Cartwright, H. J. Andrews, Mrs. Cora Taylor, Joe Skinner, Joe B. Reeves, Herman Thomas, Bess Coleman, John Tally, Eugene Brummell, Herb Cox, Albert Pavillard, W. D. Phillips, Harley Elmore, Dillard North, Glenn Cassidy, Bun Johnson, Charles Cates, B. T. Reeves, Mrs. J. H. Cates, Rev. O. H. Ritchie, C. W. Pounds, Clinton C. Kersey, J. E. Miller, Mrs. L. C. Toland, Fred Milligan, Bell Ford, Mrs. Ella Wilson, J. W. Pinkerton, C. J. Wiley, A. L. Toten, C. B. Washburn, Mrs. Geo. T. Gage, Clyde Parish, W. A. Mauldin, C. M. Workman, Fred Bazzalay.

Frank Jordan, H. M. Mooney Jr., R. J. Wall, A. J. Malone, Mrs. Gus Pickett, Raymond Pinkerton.

Others were as follows:
C. D. Mason, Ponder
Guinn Fortenberry, T. N. Maxwell, Greenwood

Mrs. Nellie Flowers, Chico
W. A. Sensibaugh, E. W. Jones, C. M. Bird, of Bridgeport, Mrs. Letha Mae Davidson of Minden, La.

Alvin Askey, K. L. Slomp, E. E. Griffith, J. P. Morris, Jerome Wiley, LaRue Carpenter, Duke Mayers, Alvin Banks, Tom Dodson, Mrs. V. R. Eaton, all of Rhame.

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H. T. Fugate, Justin
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Hodges, B. D. Foster, Alvord
Maude Malone, Hereford
Edwin Bowen, Boyd
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T. G. Caldwell, Chico
M. L. Brown, Rt. 1, Rhame
Mrs. R. D. Warren, Greenwood

Joe Bounds, Chico
Sam Edwards, San Diego, Calif.
Capt. and Mrs. W. R. Neighbors, Baltimore, Md.
G. W. Rogers, Granite, Okla.

Too, we have received many new subscriptions as Christmas gifts to friends and relatives here and in many states of the country. Appropriate cards telling of the gift are mailed to the recipient to be received at Christmas along with the first issue of the paper.

Those subscribers who have not renewed, and whose time expires this month (or has expired) will you please either bring or send in your renewal now. We would appreciate it very much.

Mrs. M. P. Loveless and Mrs. Alma Jennings were in Denton Tuesday.

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CHOCOLATE DRINK	24c
ORANGE, Mission, qt.	13c
ORANGE, 100% Pure, qt.	48c
EGG NOG MIX, (non-alcoholic) qt.	64c
COTTAGE CHEESE, 16 oz. ctn. reg. creamed	28c
COTTAGE CHEESE, 16 oz. ctn., reg. dry	28c
COTTAGE CHEESE, Creamed Country Style	28c
COTTAGE CHEESE, 8 oz. ctn.	19c
SWEET CREAM QUARTER BUTTER, lb.	80c
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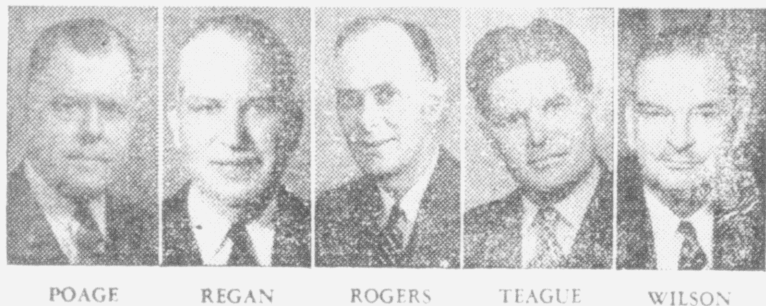
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Fifteen members of the U. S. House of Representatives will discuss national and international issues with the people of the state in the third annual Texas Congressional Forum in Fort Worth, December 11. The public is invited to attend and to ask the Congressmen questions. Sponsored by the East Texas, West Texas, and Fort Worth Chambers of Commerce, the event will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Texas Hotel. Pictured above are Congressmen Lloyd Bentsen, Jr., McAllen; Omar Burleson, Anson; Jack Brooks, Beaumont; Martin Dies, Lufkin; John Dowdy, Athens; O. Clark Fisher, San Angelo; Brady Gentry, Tyler; Frank Ikard, Wichita Falls; Wingate Lucas, Grapevine; George Mahon, Colorado City; W. R. Poage, Waco; Ken Regan, Midland; Walter E. Rogers, Pampa; Olin E. Teague, College Station; and J. Frank Wilson, Dallas. Paul Carrington, Dallas, will deliver the keynote address preceding the question-answer period; Ed Gossett, Dallas, former Congressman, will serve as moderator.

Vol. 161, page 354 of the deed records of Wise County, Texas, and being more fully described as follows:

First Tract: A Part of the S. C. Laird survey same being 80 acres off of the west side of said survey, BEGINNING at the SW corner of said Laird survey, THENCE East 475 vrs. to a corner in the S line of said survey, THENCE North 950 vrs. a corner in the N line of said survey, THENCE West 475 vrs. a corner which is the NW corner of said survey, THENCE South 950 vrs. to the place of beginning and being the same land deeded to Bryant Wofford by J. B. Kerby et ux Dec. 30, 1938, recorded in Book 155, page 481, to which reference is here made for all purposes.

Second Tract: A part of the M. E. P. and P. R. Ry Co survey patent No. 502 Vol. 11 and being the West end of said survey and further described as follows:

BEGINNING at the NE corner of the S. B. LeForce Pre-Empt survey, THENCE S 43 vrs. a corner in the NW corner of the S. C. Laird 160 acre survey, THENCE E 475 vrs. a corner in the N B line of said Laird Survey, THENCE N 43 vrs. a corner, THENCE W 475 vrs. to the place of beginning, containing 3.6 acres being the same land deeded to Bryant Wofford by W. A. Bobo et ux March 31, 1945, recorded in Book 156, page 387, Deed Records of Wise County, Texas, to which reference is here made for all purposes.

and levied upon as the property of John E. Milburn et ux and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1954, the same being the 5 day of said month, at the Court House door of Wise County, in the City of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said John E. Milburn et ux.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, newspaper published in Wise County.

Witness my hand, this 1 day of December, 1953.

Carl Ramsey
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Jan. 12—Cisco	There
(Homecoming)	Here
Jan. 15—Navarro	Here
Jan. 26—Henderson	There
Jan. 28—Howard Payne	There
(B) Team	Here
Feb. 1—Allen Academy	Here
Feb. 2—Blinn	Here
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WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Great confusion appears about Attorney General Herbert Brownell. Some consider him "a Don Quixote of the graveyard" in his tilt with the now deceased Harry Dexter White. The blast of Harry S. Truman over a dead man does not set well even with rabid Truman critics.

First no one believes that Truman is a communist, or even remotely a sympathizer. To most people he is as common American as Missouri mud.

The record seems pretty clear on Truman and Communism. Under his administration 11 top Communists, the Greenglasses and Rosenbergs were brought to justice, not to mention Korva.

But no one feels job has been completed by any means. Yet in 11 months Brownell has captured no live Communists. His best effort seems to be that of digging up an alleged dead one. If dead men tell no tales, then dead spies tell no tales either.

Until Brownell catches some live Communists, his cemetery investigations cast a shadow over Justice Department.

Neither is blame directed at President Eisenhower. There probably has never been a man in the White House with such a clean, undisputed record of personal integrity and honor as that enjoyed by Ike Eisenhower.

Harry Dexter White, indulging in his great time, may not have been as charged. But with the proved use of lies, fraud and deceit as a weapon, Communists fool many people in millions covering war time needs.

negotiations with Russia, even Winston Churchill admits he was taken in. And no one appears ready to ever charge Winnie with being an easy mark. So feeling is that if Winnie could be fooled, Truman surely could be fooled.

And so many people take the stand that if it were not for belief that Truman had made major errors, election results in November 1952 would have been different. There is more concern with live unapprehended communists than with an alleged dead one.

So the question arises, "Just what is Brownell trying to cover with his tactics? Is he now trying to raise along with the Iron Curtain and the Bamboo Curtain a Shroud Curtain?"

The big question in many minds is "What is Brownell doing about anti-trust violators?"

Is a shroud supposed to hide lack of activity on this score?

Brownell inherited vital anti-trust violation cases. In case of major oil companies charged with conspiring to create a world cartel, he reduced charge from a criminal to a civil one.

His public attitude on anti-trust cases has been that he prefers to talk with and get law-breakers to promise to "go and sin no more" rather than prosecute.

This in itself could be a dangerous attitude. Anti-trust laws were enacted with provisions for criminal prosecution on the basis that conspiring to bring bankruptcy and ruin to others is at least as reprehensible as victimizing the innocent with bad checks or currency. Therefore many wonder just what Brownell is up to with his cemetery expedition—it is not the dead but the living who are feared.

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The white fruit cake recipe presented here is an old favorite of the South, complete with pecans, walnuts and almonds, and made the easy way with self-rising flour.

Fruit cake keeps well, of course, and this recipe provides enough for desserts and tasty snacks whenever the family wants to nibble on a holiday specialty.

WHITE FRUIT CAKE

1/2 pound white raisins
1 can shredded coconut
1 1/4 pound crystallized cherries
1 pound 2 ounces crystallized pineapple
10 ounces currants
1 pound pecan meats
1 pound walnut meats
1/2 pound blanched almonds
1/2 pound citron
1/4 pound candied orange peel

1/4 pound candied lemon peel
1 1/2 cups butter
2 cups sugar
10 eggs, unbeaten
5 1/2 cups self-rising flour
1 cup orange juice
Weigh fruit and nuts. Chop into desired sizes. Cream butter. Add sugar gradually and beat until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add half of flour to egg mixture, and beat until smooth. Sprinkle remaining flour on fruit and nuts, coating each piece. Add floured fruit and nuts to egg mixture; blend. Add orange juice, and blend mixture thoroughly. Pour into one 10" x 4" tube pan and one 9" x 5" loaf pan (or three loaf pans) which have two layers of greased brown paper on bottom. Bake in very slow oven (275 F.) 3 hours 20 minutes for tube pan, and 2 hours 45 minutes for loaf pan.
Yield: Three 3 1/2-lb. loaves or one 7-lb. tube cake and one 3 1/2-lb. loaf.

AN APPLICATION TO MAKE OIL, GAS OR MINERAL LEASE NO. 3307
GUARDIANSHIP OF JANICE MARIE BONHAM, A MINOR

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF WISE COUNTY, TEXAS TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Now comes Mary Bonham, guardian of the person and estate of Janice Marie Bonham, a minor, and, making this her application for authority to make an oil and gas lease, would show:

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above described real estate and desires to lease the outstanding one-sixth (1/6) interest; that such a lease will benefit and be of advantage to the said minor and her estate because of the revenue which will be derived from said lease by virtue of operation of the Jack Grace Production Company and that such a lease is advisable and necessary.

The guardian offers to file a bond as required by statute.

Wherefore she prays that an order fixing the time and place of hearing be made, that due notice and hearing be effected, and that she be authorized to make and execute such a lease, as the court may think proper under law.

/s/ Mary Bonham
Guardian of the Estate of Janice Marie Bonham, a minor
Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said Mary Bonham, this 5th day of December, 1953.

/s/ J. W. Foster
Notary Public, Wise County, Texas.

(SEAL)

This is to certify that the foregoing instrument is a true and correct copy of the original instrument as filed for Probate Records of Wise County, Texas. Witness my hand and seal of office at Decatur, Texas this 4 day of Dec. 1953.

By Donnie Askey, Deputy Notary Public, Wise County, Texas.

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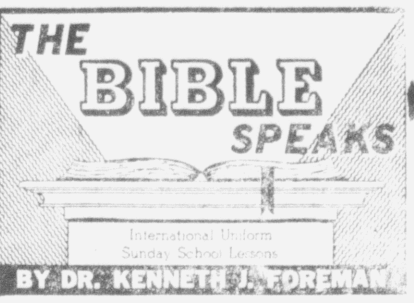
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Devotional Reading: Acts 17:24-31

One Human Race

Lesson for December 13, 1953

YOU can try a little experiment with your friends or your Sunday school class. Ask each one to think of a human being, any human being. Write it down, if they like. Then go around the circle and see what kind of human beings they picked. It's a safe prediction that most of them will have selected a human being of their own race, somebody rather like them instead of someone different from them. In other words, when we think "human being" we think "somebody like me." Or in still other words, we think of ourselves as the "normal" human being and other kinds of people as "off-brands."



What Do You Mean by "One"?

The truth is that it really does take all kinds of people to make a world, hard as that is for everybody to believe. Furthermore, with all the bewildering differences there are in language, looks, culture, manners and morals, the human race is one. If there is anything quite clear in the New Testament, this is it. All human beings are human, not one is sub-human. If other races seem peculiar to you, so peculiar you even wonder why God made them, remember you seem just as peculiar to them.

But what is the one-ness of the human race? It is true, all of us in the big collection of living animals called "mankind" have many points in common that are not very important, some that are not important at all. We all walk on two legs, not four—but so do penguins. We all know pleasure and pain—but so do cats. We must all die—but so must grasshoppers. We all came, probably, from the common set of ancestors—but so presumably did catfish. There is something far more important than our brain, our hand, our nervous system or our digestive tract that marks us as one race. It is the fact which only religion acknowledges, but a fact of deepest importance: We are all children of God and made in his image. God made us of many kinds; but he also made us "of one," in unity, for unity. We are one because there is one "Lord of all."

If One, Then What?

If the oneness of the human race is taken seriously, then some practical results follow. This is not all theory. It is something we can live by. For one thing, whenever we have any contact with any human being we have to remember that he is a human being, and that so far as we are concerned that is the most important fact about him. He may have a different color, he may talk in strange gibberish, his customs may seem to be topsy-turvy, he may not know how to eat with a spoon. His ideas may be quite the reverse of ours, his religion may be weird nonsense and his whole mental workings as hard to follow as the flight of bats. But nevertheless the thing that unites him with you is more vital than the things that mark him off from you. You belong to the same human race.

Furthermore, if it is true, as said above, that what gives the human race its unity is the fact that we are all creatures of the same Father-God, then in all dealings with other people, even when they misunderstand God (as fetish-worshippers do) or even deny his very existence, as most Russians do, we must remember always: Their God and ours are the same. They may not know it, but it is so. All this adds up to the point that we have no right to despise or look down on any member of the human race,—nor they on us. At the foot of God's throne we all are on level ground.

Even A Saint Can Forget This

One of the Bible readings tells of an incident in the life of St. Peter. God had already shown him, as it were by a miracle, that "God is no respecter of persons," but at Antioch he forgot it. Forgot it so far that he would not even eat with some persons of a different race than his own, even though they were all Christians too. So it is easy to read these words, and it was not hard to write them, at all human beings are one.



Once Upon a Time

Interesting Items from the files of THE MESSENGER 25 and 50 Years Ago



25 Years Ago

Dec. 1928

The campaign to raise two million dollars for Baylor university in Texas is on in earnest in the Baptist Churches of the state this week. The following men compose the six teams who are to solicit subscriptions in Decatur: Rev. J. L. Ward, W. W. Boyd, H. B. Pearson, T. J. Dillehay, R. C. Nutting, C. L. Christian, John Gunn, L. B. Gill and P. R. Baits. It is expected that the goal of \$2000 will be reached by Sunday night.

Miss Bill Reeves and Mrs. Clarence Reeves entertained the cast of "Tea Topper Tavern" and their friends with a party at the home of Mrs. Reeves Saturday night.

The guests were delightfully surprised to find seven tables for a progressive game of buncle. A "hooby" prize was awarded J. B. Roach for making low score.

Delicious refreshments were served to Misses Venita Nell Clark, Ruth Workman, Jena Faye Toland, Margaret Shoemaker, Joy Bell, Eva Ruth Brady, Freda Reeves, Grace Bell, Lois Breedlove, Maggie Carpenter, Maurine Van Meter, Christine Cavness, Daisy Manire, and Beatrice White. Messrs. J. P. Roach, Charlie Belew, Wilbur Spain, Vernon Askey, J. B. Green, Howard Jordan, Jim Tom Petty, J. M. Counts, Cody Sanders and Ronald Maiden. Honorary guests were Miss Faye Reeves and Linnie Blewett.

While on a deer hunt in south Texas recently, our friend Hugh

Breedlove met up with a pack of panthers in the wilds of a wild country. Hugh was alone at the time miles from the camp, out for a stroll. When he reported his find to his fellow hunters around the camp fire that night, he was asked why in the duce he did not kill the animals. Hugh Wisley replied that the panthers had not done anything to him; and he was very much obliged to them for their conduct. At the time he had only a limited amount of shells.

50 Years Ago

Decatur is infested by beings who walk upright like men who keep the sidewalks converted into pools of tobacco juice. Where is the Clean City League? Newt Young is moving from Decatur to his old home near Anneville.

R. H. Bridges of Cottondale, druggist and notary public, gave our job office a nice order for stationery recently.

One of the happiest social events of the week that came in connection with Christmas holidays, will be the reunion of the Woody family at J. J. Woody's home on Deep Creek. Particular interest will attach itself to the attendance of the older Woodys, who are Hugh, Sam, Bill and Brice, all early settlers of different portions of Texas, Uncle Sam, as is well known, being the oldest Wise County residents.

Besides the conventional turkeys, there will be slaughtered

and cooked for the occasion a fat young pig.

This is a family that finds th amenities of life to be one of its chief desideratums and proverbial as they are for laughs, the joists will, no doubt, ring on this occasion.

Major and Mrs. Jess E Schmidt and children Pamela and Kenny from Selma, Ala., visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rashbury the past week.

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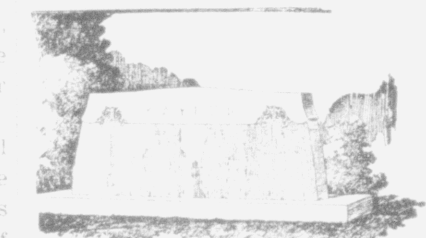
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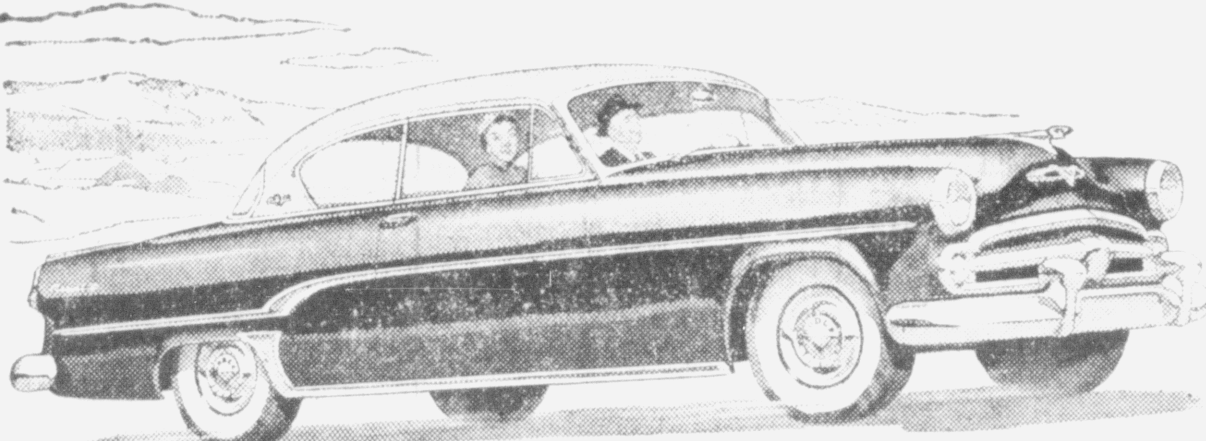
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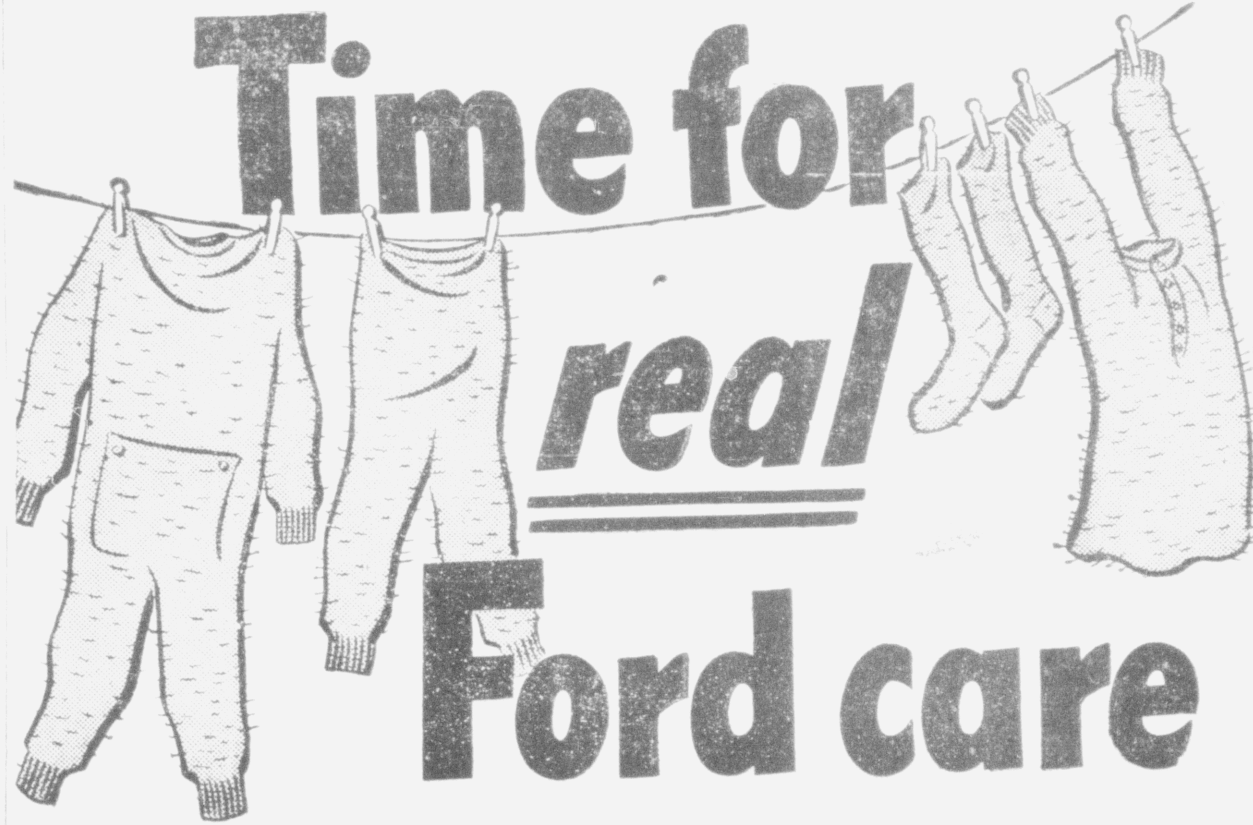
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FOR RENT—3 room unfurnished apartment in Southwest Decatur. Price 25.00 per month. A. P. Deaton, Decatur, Texas, phone 4782.

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FOR RENT—4 room furnished apartment 419 N. Church St., phone 2501.

FOR RENT—3 room furnished apartment, with electric refrigerator, on north Church Street. Mrs. Fred Thomason, phone 2601.

FOR RENT—5 room furnished apartment. Mrs. E. M. Kenny, phone 5041. Itc.

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FOR SALE OR RENT—Type writers, adding machines for sale or rent. Repairing. McCoy Typewriter Exchange, Decatur, phone 5062.

FOR SALE—60 ton baled straw extra heavy oats, good straw. \$25.00 at barn 3 1/2 miles south west Sanger. J. H. Champion, phone 229W, Sanger, Texas, 2tc.

FOR SALE—Xmas wreaths, wood fiber flowers, table decorations. G. Wyle, Rhome, Texas, 2tp.

FOR SALE—1 registered Brahma bull with papers, 1 Grade Brahma bull, 2 registered Guernsey bulls with papers. Claude Rhine, Route 1, Decatur.

CONTRACTORS' NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for constructing 7.517 miles of Gr. Strs., Base & Surf. from Cooke C. L. to FM 541, from FM 541 to Denton C. L. on Highway No. FM 455, covered by S-927, C-1 & S-563 C-1, in Wise County, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 A.M., Dec. 15, 1953, and then publicly opened and read.

This is a "Public Works" Project as defined in House Bill No. 54 of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas and House Bill No. 115 of the 44th Legislature of the State of Texas, and as such is subject to the provisions of said House Bills. No provisions herein are intended to be in conflict with the provisions of said Acts.

In accordance with the provisions of said House Bills, the State Highway Commission has ascertained and set forth in the proposal the wage rates for each craft or type of workman or mechanic needed to execute the work on above named project, now prevailing in the locality in which the work is to be performed, and the Contractor shall pay not less than these wage rates as shown in the proposal for each craft or type of laborer, workman or mechanic employed on this project.

Legal holiday work shall be paid for at the regular governing rates.

Plans and specifications available at the office of Jerome P. Kearby, Resident Engineer of Decatur, Texas, and Texas Highway Department, Austin: Usual rights reserved.

(Advertising Dec. 3-10)

FOR SALE—275 bales of peanut hay. See O. V. Shepard, 1 mile north of Flatwood church.

DAIRY FOR SALE—38 cows, all milking, equipment, Grade A barn—Clay Perkins, Rt. 1, Decatur, 1tp.

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FOR SALE—Two student desks, 2 coffee tables, 2 TV tables. All kinds furniture and appliances. A. W. Berg, phone 6232.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—400-acre stock farm, modern 6 room house, 50 acres good black land in farm. Good 7 wire fence. Lots of good water. Price \$20,000. \$1000 loan. Would trade for smaller place or good income property. My office is at 908 E. Hook St. For farms, ranches and city property in and near Stephenville, let me have your wants. Call for appointment. E. B. Scarborough, Box 581, Stephenville, Texas, Phone No. 1-3767.

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NOTICE—Close out on No. 1 Holland tulip bulbs, 60c per dozen. We pay the highest prices for peonies. Renshaw Seed & Feed, Decatur.

WOMEN, BE SELF-SUPPORTING! Plan now to enroll in the S. H. Kress Practical Nurse Training Program at Texas State College for Women in Denton. The best 1-year course, nationally accredited, college facilities. Tuition costs low; students earn while they practice during eight months of the course. New class being organized to start Feb. 15, 1954; send application to Francis W. Emerson, Registrar, Texas State College for Women, Drawer A, TSCW Station, Denton, Texas.

EIGHTER, from page 1—

● The holiday season is beginning to tell on the amount of news. Too many have the holiday spirit, shopping, erecting trees, etc., and very little other activity is underway. ● The city engineer-surveyor hasn't made a report on the proposed enlarging of the water and sewer system. ● Willard E. Howell has sent us releases concerning the latest in the drive against infantile paralysis. ● Last Thursday morning we started to print last week's edition of The Messenger, and upon examining our stock of newspaper, found that a leak in the roof had allowed a stream of water to run down and soak several hundred copies. We had a time trying to dry out the paper, and in some instances didn't do a very good job, as some of you noticed. Many of the papers were ruined, and we ran short, which made it necessary to mail many of the wet copies. We trust the trouble has been corrected and that no more losses and damp papers will be necessary. ●

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RHOME PTA COUNCIL HAS REGULAR MEETING

The Parent-Teacher Council met in regular session Tuesday, November 10 at the Community Center with Meses. Roy Green, Lloyd McKinnan, George Wise as hostesses.

After an "all important" business meeting an announcement was made concerning the Children's Christmas party which is to be December 18 and sponsored by the Council.

An interesting program was given on "Children".

We are having some wonderful programs and invite those of you that have not been able to come to be present and share these wonderful times with us, and give our president, Mrs. Barney Wright, which incidently, is handling the job very capably, an encouraging word and a helping hand.

We want to thank publicly, those in the east of "The Gay Nineties Revue" for lending us their talents. We are sure Hollywood will be waving to you a backhanded hand.

Our next meeting will be January 12 at 3:00 p.m. —Reporter

Mrs. Walter Spencer has been seriously ill in the Rogers hospital for several days.

OWL CLUB IS ENTERTAINED BY D.B.C. STUDENTS

The Owl Club members and guests enjoyed an entertaining program on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd. The president, Mrs. Otis Strickland presided an introduced a DBC student who rendered two numbers.

Mrs. Tom Patterson of Denton reviewed "The Lady of Arlington" by Harnett T. Kane. Mrs. Patterson is a charming young woman and an able reviewer and her appearance before the club was appreciated.

Fruit cake topped with whipped cream and coffee were served by Mrs. Bruce Bulgarel. Mrs. R. H. Watkins and Mrs. F. C. Range. Red roses decorated the club room.

COMBINED XMAS CONCERT SET TUESDAY NIGHT

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Each of the three choirs will be presented as a separate organization, singing songs prepared for the concert and then the entire group will sing several Christmas Carols.

Mrs. Bill James is the director for the Decatur High School Club. Mrs. Edna Kirkpatrick Mott is the director for the Bridgeport High School Glee Club, and Charles W. Jones, is director for the Decatur Baptist College Choir.

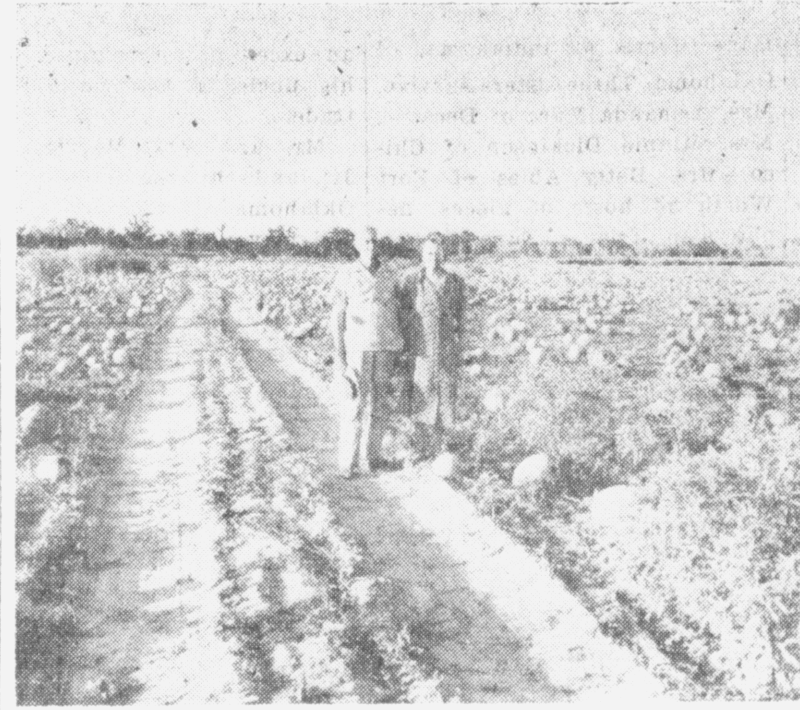
The public is cordially invited to attend. There will be no admission charges.

WELL BEING TESTED

Testing through perforations at 5,667-76 in Bend conglomerate was underway Tuesday at Christie, Mitchell & Mitchell No. 1 R. D. Grantham, C. G. Miller survey, just northwest of Boonsville. On natural test the well showed 100,000 feet of gas per day plus a distillate trace.

Miss Bettye Jane Dodds of Antelope, Texas was home this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.R. Dodds, who entertained her with a birthday dinner Sunday.

C. R. BRIDGES OF PARADISE HAD 44,800 WATERMELONS ON 120 ACRES THIS YEAR



Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bridges in a field of watermelons, grown by Jim Crowder and Foy Reed on the Bridges place on Salt Creek southeast of Paradise.

One hundred and twenty acres of melons were planted,

with some \$5,000 realized from the sale of the melons and seed. Army worms did extensive damage to the late melons, many of which could not be sold for shipment because of blights. It is estimated that 44,800 melons were grown on the 120 acres.

DECATUR WOMAN'S CLUB GIVEN OUTSTANDING RECOGNITION

The recent State Convention of Federated Woman's Clubs gave outstanding recognition to the Woman's Club at Decatur. The local group received the award for the first place in the state for the "Get Out and Vote" campaign conducted last fall.

Themes and plans for the First District Clubs were made recently at a board meeting in Mineral Wells. Board members from Decatur present included Meses. Tom Gettys, E. W. Nunnley and Mrs. Geo. T. Gago. Mrs. Charley Rann, president of the club also attended.

In carrying out one of the aims of the district the Decatur club recently had a program on adult education presented by Mrs. B. A. Mann. Concluding her discussion Mrs. Mann gave the group a test designed to measure certain personality traits.

Future programs for the club will stress other departments recommended by the district board.

SINGING SCHOOL AT VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Singing School at the Victory Baptist Church has been in progress three weeks, being taught by Rev. E. F. Cook.

This is my 221st school, and the class, though small, has done some of the best work I have seen in a long time. The school will be climaxed by two big open house singings Friday and Saturday nights, featuring some of your favorite quartets. The Gospel Tone Quartet, Lewisville Quartet, Springtown Quartet, and others as well as many good sinners from Dallas, Fort Worth, Wichita Falls and Amarillo. Remember Friday and Saturday nights! Supper will be served Saturday night before singing. Everyone invited. Come and be with us. —Reporter

CHARLES E. MANN DIES AT RALLS

Mr. Charles E. Mann, native of Wise County, died in the Ralls Hospital, Ralls, Texas, of a heart ailment, December 5, 1953. Funeral services were held in Ralls Sunday, December 6, 1953.

Mr. Mann was the brother of Mr. Jim Mann of Bridgeport, and Mr. J. P. Mann of Paradise and son-in-law of Mrs. J. E. Simpson of Decatur.

Those attending the last rites from Wise County were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Mann, Mr. Jim Mann, Miss Rena Belle Simpson, Mr. R. E. Simpson and Ansel Simpson.

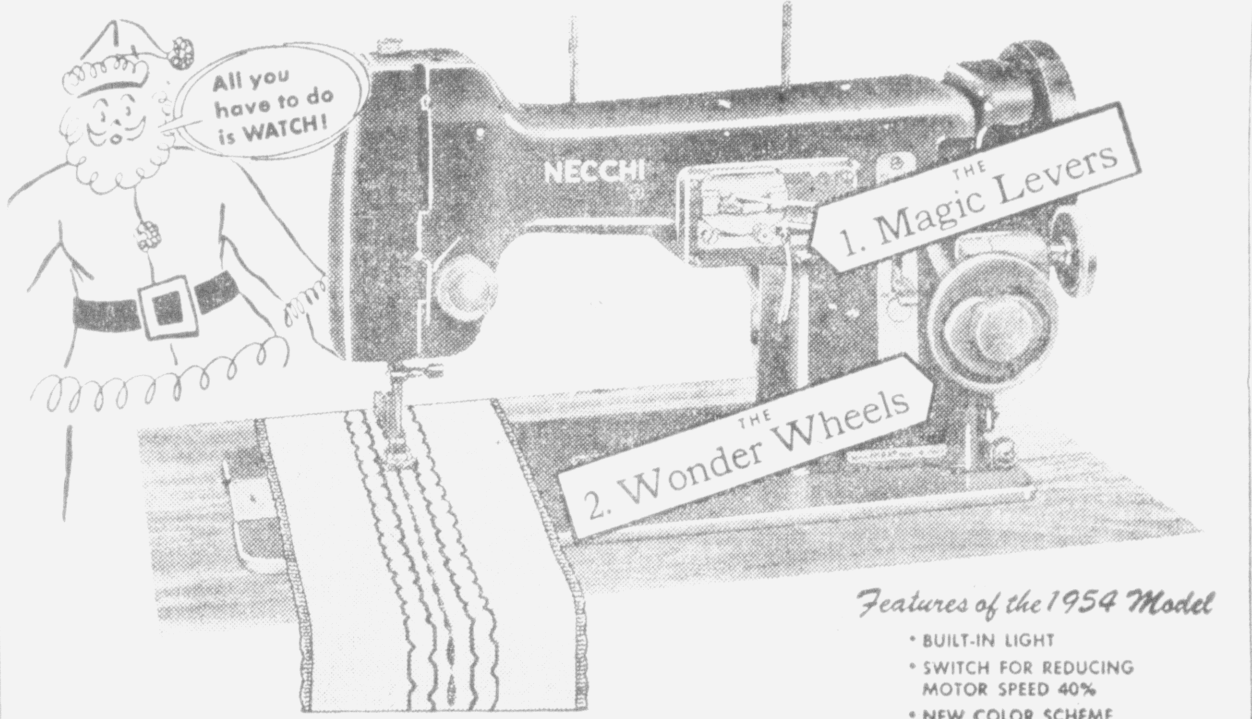
COL. GEO. E. EATON TO RETIRE FROM THE U. S. ARMY

Col. Geo. E. Eaton, and wife and sons, Daniel and Curtis, arrived Monday evening from Germany.

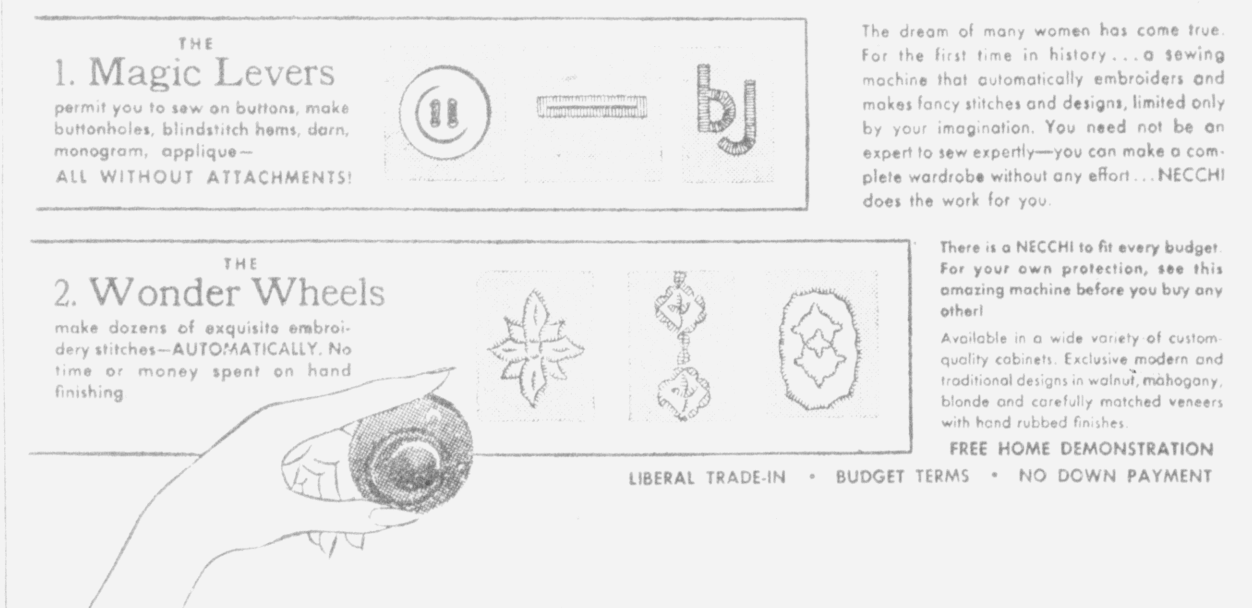
Col. Eaton is retiring from army service after some twenty two years service in the Quartermaster Division.

He will join his father in stock farming enterprise on their Sycamore farm. The boys are entering the Slidell school.

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NEWS FROM PARK SPRINGS

by Mrs. John Hibdon

Mrs. Clarence W. Bloomer died early Saturday morning at the age of nearly 60 years. She was born Bessie May Morris in the Redbud community about 4 miles southwest of Park Springs December 29, 1893 at the old Morris homestead where she grew to young womanhood, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Morris, who came to Wise County in 1886 and settled in this community where they reared their family. She was converted at the age of 13 and joined the Methodist church and has lived an exemplary life since. She was united in marriage with Clarence W.

Bloomer, January 9, 1910 and to their union was born one son, Cecil, who with his wife, Dorothy, survive her as does her husband, Clarence W. Bloomer. She is also survived by four brothers, Amos, Edd, and Lester Morris all of Chico and Hade Morris of Indianola, of Oklahoma. Three sisters survive, Mrs. Armanda Mara of Decatur, Mrs. Minnie Dickinson of Chico, Mrs. Betty Ables of Fort Worth and hosts of nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral services were held in the Chico Methodist Church where she held membership, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the pastor, Rev. C. J. McLeod, officiating. Magnificent flowers decorated the church and later the sacred mound in the Chico cemetery where burial was made.

Jack Carlisle, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Carlisle, has gone to Newcastle, Wyoming, to join his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin where Mr. Martin is an expert welder and instructor in that line. Jack has an excellent opportunity under his uncle to learn a lucrative trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones Jr., and children have gone to Oklahoma to visit his parents and may spend some time if he finds employment there. Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Allen and their granddaughter, LaRue Walker were in Lake Bridgeport Sunday afternoon to attend the semi-monthly singing held in the community church there. W. F. Carlisle has sold his

filling station and garage business in Chico and he and Mrs.



By Papeta Knowles

ANN didn't lift her head when Jerry laid the work on her desk. "I'm sorry to rush you, Ann," he said, "but this should be finished by three this afternoon. Banes will drop by for it."

His voice was gentle; it implied sincerity of his regret in putting the rush work before her. There was no doubt of it, Ann thought.

"Shall we go now, Jerry?" Beth Jenkins spoke at her shoulder. "If you wish," Jerry said.

Ann kept her eyes on her work. She heard them close the office door.

They were going across the street to Tony's for a smoke and coffee. With the sound of their steps fading into silence, Ann stopped working and looked idly at her hands. From somewhere along the street below Silent Night came softly from a radio, and she heard a venter chant, "Holly... mistletoe... cheap. Just two days till Christmas..."

Snow fell softly past the office windows, making a little mound on the sills. She had wanted a white Christmas. And until last week, she thought, I had planned on having a happy Christmas. With Mom, her kid brothers Joe and Bill, Aunt Sissy and Uncle Reems, Christmas had always seemed complete before. Aunt Sissy and Uncle Reems lived with them, and they were together on Christmas.

And somehow there had never been anyone outside the little circle that Ann cared to share



"I'm sorry to rush you, Ann," he said, "but this should be finished by three this afternoon."

their fun with. Not anyone she was interested in. But now—

There was no use denying her thoughts about Jerry Laws. He disturbed her the moment he stepped into the office last week as new manager of Rankin Real Estate and Loans. And in spite of her effort to push him out of her mind he had occupied her thoughts since. With Beth Jenkins working there too, she knew it was folly to think of him. Beth had a way with men.

Beth was working only until she could find someone who would give her a ring and a home. She used her salary to buy expensive clothes to set off her blond attractiveness. While I, Ann thought, fill a man's place at home. It took money for Mom, Joe and Bill. Any money left over from her salary had to be saved for a rainy day, and when she bought something new to wear it had to be conservative.

I can't compete, simply can't, Ann thought. Why, then, do I keep thinking of him? She heard the vendor's chant on the street again and she thought, he'll buy her something for Christmas. This is only the beginning—for Beth.

She checked her thoughts with the sound of their returning steps on the stairs and turned to her work, grateful that she had so much to do. She wouldn't have time to think.

Shortly before three o'clock she walked into Jerry's office with the finished work.

She smiled and laid the work on his desk. "I hope I've made no errors, Jerry," she said.

"You haven't. Thanks, Ann," he said. She turned from his desk.

"Ann—" Ann turned back reluctantly. "Yes?" If he was going to praise her for her efficiency, she didn't want to hear it! It had been all right from others before Jerry, but from Jerry—

"Ann—" he repeated, "you know, I suppose, that this should have been Beth's work."

"No, I didn't know," Ann said, and a little wave of anger went over her. Tears stung her eyes. She was hurt.

He had made her a goat for Beth!

Jerry smiled. "I discovered soon after I came," he said, "that you'd be the one I'd have to depend on for important work. And I discovered, too, something else. Someday I'll tell you, Ann, there's a grand Christmas show this evening at the Alden. May I take you?"

For a second Ann didn't answer. When finally she said, "I'd love to go," she could have sworn the vendor's chant coming from the street was not "Holly... mistletoe... cheap..."—it was, "Happy Christmas... happy Christmas!"

Carlisle are taking it easy at their home a few miles south of Park Springs.

Walker Whatley and family have moved from Charlie to the Davis farm south of Chico. The family is well known here, having lived here for several years.

T. C. Richmond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Richmond, left Tuesday for Camp Leonard Wood, Missouri where he will be assigned to further military training, having had his basic training in a camp in Arkansas. He had been at home on a two weeks' furlough.

DONALD BALLARD OF BOYD KILLED IN COLLISION NEAR RHOME LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

December was going to be a big month for the Donald Ballard family—until a head-on auto crash Friday night in which he was injured fatally.

Ballard, an ex-GI, was working long hours at W. Pat Crow, Inc., 5025 E. Belknap, in order to get more money for Christmas.

He had left his wife, Mary Jo, and their two children, Larry, 3, and Timothy, 1, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hall of Boyd.

Ballard was staying at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Ballard, 8214 Whitney Dr.

The family met in Fort Worth Tuesday to buy all their Christmas presents for the children.

While in town the mother and two sons bought Ballard a gift for his 24th birthday, which they were going to celebrate Sunday.

They were thinking, too, of Larry's fourth birthday, which was coming up on the 19th of this month.

When he left them, Ballard made plans to drive up and get them Friday night. They were to observe his birthday in Fort Worth—cake, presents and all.

A head-on collision critically injured Ballard as he drove toward Boyd Friday night on Highway 287 near Rhome, just four miles past the Tarrant County line.

At 3:05 a.m. Saturday with out regaining consciousness, Ballard died in a Fort Worth hospital.

His wife and children rushed to his bedside but never got to speak to him.

Saturday morning, back in Boyd, little Larry was unaware his father had become Wise County's 10th traffic fatality of the year.

He just kept saying, "I want to see Daddy."

State Highway patrolman J. A. McVean and Art Elliott said Ballard's car collided with a pickup truck, knocking his car off the highway and ripping off its left side.

Passers-by and wrecker drivers worked an hour to free W. E. Adcock, 39, of 1030 E. Broadway, from the truck. He was reported in satisfactory condition Saturday at Harris Hospital, suffering from leg injuries.

Ballard, who died from head injuries, misstated his age to join the Army during World War II when he was 15.

He made the decision even though it meant leaving Mary Jo, his childhood sweetheart in Boyd and the girl he was eventually going to marry. After he came out of the army, he did a hitch in the Navy. They were married five years ago.

Other survivors include five brothers, Gaylord, Willie, Milford and Jake Ballard, all of Fort Worth, and Wayne Ballard with the Coast Guard in Alabama. He had two sisters, 8-year-old Linda Sue of the Whiteoak Dr. address, and Mrs. Marie Pugh of Cleburne.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Lucas Funeral Home. Meantime, Donald Ballard had become the first Fort Worth man to die in December traffic this year—Star Telegram.

W. A. Marrell, former Wise County citizen passed away at Amarillo Sunday from a heart attack. Funeral services were conducted in Amarillo Tuesday. Mr. Marrell had many friends here who regret his death.

Those who called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simmons Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. George Clark of Dallas and Mr. Criner Brown of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mosley David and Charlott.

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FARM BUREAU HAS MEETING

The Wise County Farm Bureau Directors held their regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 1:30 p.m. in the Farm Bureau office.

Members present were E. B. Fortenberry, W. W. Brown, A. B. VanMeter, Edd Hornback, Virgil Claborn, Hays Crowder, Gene Layfield, D. F. Eaton Sr. and County Agent Paul Tapp.

In attendance also was Melvin Danshy, State Farm Bureau Field Representative, who check upon County activities.

A discussion was also held on the Denton and Sandy creek watershed control program.

Various committees were formed and approved.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bucklew and family moved to Burk Burnett Monday to make their home. Mr. Bucklew, who had been employed at the Magnolia pump station at Alvord, which was closed when the new pipe line was completed and was transferred to Burk Burnett.

Mrs. L. C. Toland spent Thanksgiving with her son Paul Toland and family in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Weldon Plumlee and son Joe of Coppell, Mrs. John Simmons and Mrs. Clyde Powers of Grapevine were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simmons last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Cox and Mrs. Harold Auvenshine attended the opera at NTSC Tuesday night.

Bill James has been in New Orleans, La., this week, attending the Oldsmobile show.

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**Sand Hill WSCS
Closes Study
November 30th**

The WSCS of the Sand Hill church closed our study on Monday night, Nov. 30.

The Study was "That the World May Know," and was so very ably taught by our study leader, Mrs. J. E. Gregg.

We had an attendance of 92 percent, and everyone reading the text.

The study was given in four lessons and was entered into by every member of our WSCS.

As a result of our study, we

are rededicating our lives to God and are going to do more for our own church, and our community.

The theme of the study was that the world may know Christ and to understand His teachings and to come to know him as their personal Savior. To do this we must all be up and about our Father's business, don't wait for your pastor to do it all. He is the only one and there are places for us all to work.

Our next meeting will be on Dec. 14, at the Sand Hill church. This will be our Christmas program and we want every mem-

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Reporter for WSCS

**Pvt. Gaylen M. Wilson
Completes Course
At Fort Knox, Ky.**

FORT KNOX, Ky., Dec. 3.—Pvt. Gaylen M. Wilson, husband of Mrs. Gaylen M. Wilson, General Delivery, Decatur, Texas, has completed the Tank Leader Course No. 1 at The Armored School here.

The course includes both classroom and field instruction in control of individual tanks and small units up to the division level.

**Tom Maxwell Wins
Letter at Corpus
Christi University**

Tom Maxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Maxwell, Jr. of Greenwood, Texas has lettered in football at the University of Corpus Christi. Gene Sunderman, athletic director, has announced.

Maxwell played guard for the UCC Tarpons who went through the season with a record of four victories and two losses.

**LETTERS TO
SANTA CLAUS**

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a pair of cowboy boots, and a cowboy suit, and a cowboy hat, and a cowboy shirt, and a cowboy tie, and a cowboy set, and a wood-burning set, and a teddy bear, and a desk.

I am six years old and in the first grade. I have been a good boy.

Thank you, Santa.

—Delbert Gault, Decatur

Dec. 3, 1953

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a little guitar, a racer car and a horse and for my sister a basket ball and a pair of house shoes.

—Love,

Johnnie Ed Hardee

**Mrs. Duncan's Father
Died Last Week**

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Duncan and children have returned from Nolanville where they had been called due to the severe illness of Mrs. Duncan's father, Mr. J. E. Trimmer.

Mr. Trimmer passed away in a Belton hospital Sunday, Nov. 29 at 11:30 p.m. Last rites for Mr. Trimmer were held at Mofat Cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

**THIRD HODGE
PRODUCER IS
EXPECTED**

A third producer in the new Hodge Upper Conglomerate Field of Wise County four miles northwest of Alvord, is expected to be completed next week.

Jack Grace Production Company, Wichita Falls, No. 2 Neva Riggs, an offset venture that failed in the discovery formation was reported flowing in the tanks after a 75-unit sandfrac treatment. No estimate of the flow was available.

Operator set 5 1/2 inch casing at 5679 feet in the No. 2 Riggs, 36 feet lower than the pay found in the No. 1 Hodge discovery well. The venture is in section 4, blk. 9, Cooke CSL survey A-156.

Another Wise County wildcat, the No. 1 R. D. Grantham of Christie, Mitchell and Mitchell, at Boonsville, was also reported flowing into tanks, with no estimate of probable production being available.

Operators had drilled the test to total depth of 5805 feet and set 5 1/2 inch pipe at that figure. The venture is in C. G. Miller survey A-638.

CHEER, from page 1— and clothing needed, medicine for the ill, etc.

If you would care to contribute, make checks payable to the Xmas Cheer fund and send to the First National Bank or this newspaper.

The program operates throughout the year, on many occasions buying clothing for children and helping the needy in other ways.

Your contribution will help make Xmas merry for someone

somewhere in the community.

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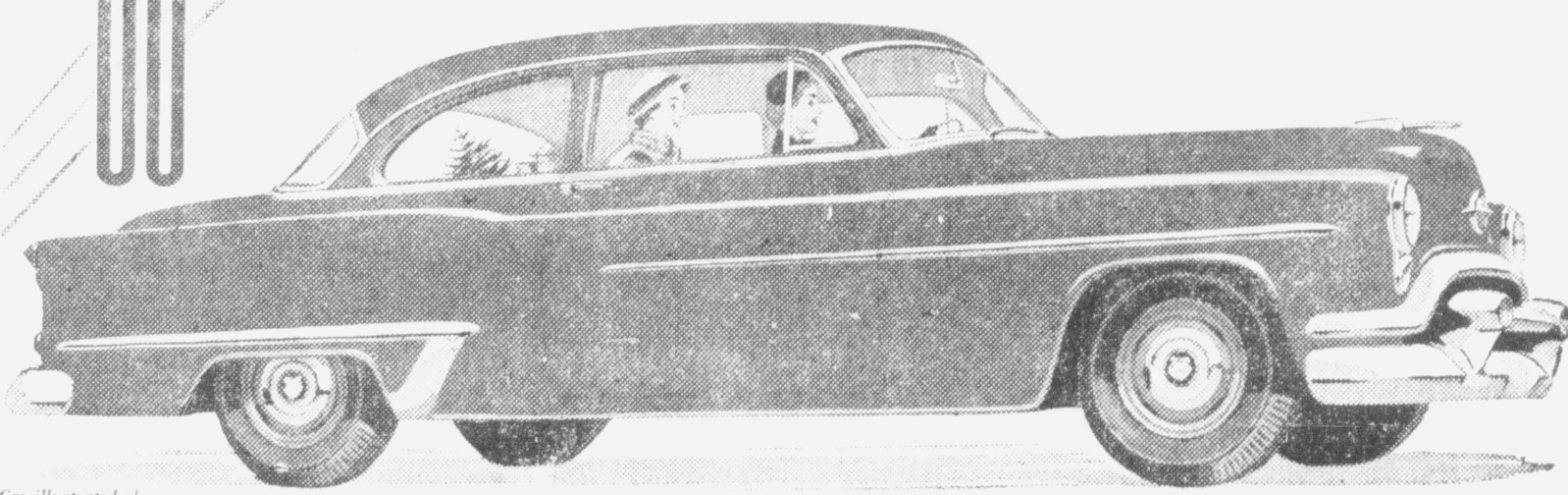
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Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lewis and daughter, Sue from Cisco, Mr. Goodger during the Thanksgiving holidays. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilson, Harry Lewis and Miss Gloria Lewis from Fort Worth were

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Burton from Dallas visited relatives here last Thursday.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

A Case of "Moostaken" Identity

Slim Smith never had a chance to use his moose call until a trip north this year. Visited him yesterday to see what he'd bagged. "First day out," he told me, "I picked up a trail. I sounded the call and waited. Then I heard a moose call. Sure enough, something came crashing through the brush. But it was another guy with his moose call. Boy, did I get my finger off the trigger in a hurry!"

"My last day there I picked up another trail. This time I got

me a real moose. But you can bet I took a good look before I did any shooting!"

From where I sit, we could all learn a little from Slim's experience. Most of us are guilty sometime or other of being too quick on the trigger. Like the fellow who would deny me the right to an occasional glass of beer with my dinner. I say that kind of "aim" is way off!

Joe Marsh

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ENGAGEMENT OF MISS IMOGENE CEARLEY ANNOUNCED IN AMARILLO

Amarillo, Dec. 7. (sp.)—Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ransom Cearley, 1809 Lockney, Amarillo, are today announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Quintella Imogene Cearley, to William Hollan Bryant, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Bryant, Sr., Canadian.

A small wedding at the home of the bride's parents has been planned for December 28.

Both are students at Wayland College and they will make their home on the college campus after January 4. Mr. Bryant, who is a junior ministerial student, is pastor of Gem Baptist Church near Canadian. Last summer he made a missionary journey to Brazil as a member of "The Friendly Texans" basketball team which was captained by

Jekie Robinson, 1948 Olympic champion from Baylor University.

The first of the pre-wedding social affairs was given December 3 by Miss Lorene Gunter, Mrs. James K. Morris and Miss Altese Parten at Miss Parten's home in Plainview.

The bride-to-be, who is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Cealey and of Mrs. N. R. Sipes, all of Shidell, and a frequent visitor in the area with her many Wise County relatives is a sophomore at Wayland College. She has twice been an attendant in the court of the Homecoming Queen and was one of the beauty nominees last session. She is also a member of Volante Club and secretary of the Volunteer Mission Band.

JIM PORTWOODS CELEBRATE 50th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Portwood celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary Nov. 29th in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Christine Winger and Grandson Billy E. Winger, two miles southwest of Fruitland. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Gronow of Nocona; Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Simmons, Hastings, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. John Berry and daughter Virginia, Terral, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Moss, Belen, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson, Terral, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Armond

Gronow, Montague, Texas; Miss Selma Paulins, Nocona; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williams, Boyd. All had an enjoyable day.

—Reported

Mrs. N. A. Moore Sr. was in Dallas on business last week.

DECATUR CHAPTER 289 R. A. M.



Stated meetings on the third Thursday evening of each month at 8 o'clock. Visitors and sojourners welcome. A. L. Duncan, H. P.

SIXTH GRADE ENGLISH CLUB HAS MEETING

Mrs. Ramsey's sixth grade English Club held a club meeting Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1953.

President Terry Richter presided. There was no old business. When the call for new business someone reminded the class that it was time to elect new officers. Mrs. Ramsey suggested that we have the program, then have elections after that. The class decided on that. The program was then turned over to program chairman Teresa Duncan. The program was as follows:

The first thing was a play, entitled "Thanksgiving Dilemma." The cast was:
Big Sister—Teresa Duncan
Margie—Donna Jo Huff
Susan—Inez Allen
Joey—Johnny Barnett
Dick—Billy Roberts
Loren—Nancy Boydston
Loreta—Bobby Cooper
Jerry—Frank Renshaw
Patsy—Sharon Davis

Mrs. Ramsey's sixth grade English class elected officers for their English Club on Nov. 30. The officers are as follows:
President—Inez Allen
Vice-President—Faye Hale
Secretary—Joan Oates
Reporter—Donna Jo Huff
Program Chairman—Terry Richter

Also there was a program committee elected. The committee is as follows:

Nancy Dianne Boydston
Teresa Duncan
M. H. Montgomery
—Reported by Donna Jo Huff

BUSY BEE CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Busy Bee Club met Nov. 27, 1953 in Miss Tate's room. We elected new officers. The officers are:

President—Carlton Lambert
Vice-President—Joyce Cearley
Secretary—Charlotte Bishop
Reporter—Rayline Casey
Program Chairmen: Joan Riley, Ronnie Jones, Sue Ramsey and Jerry Mara.

The Best Boy Citizen is David Burton. The Best Girl Citizen is Carrie Starnes.

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David is 4 ft. and 11 inches tall, has blue eyes, light

brown hair and is favorite song is "You, You, You." He is handsome and his pet peeve is "girls running after boys."

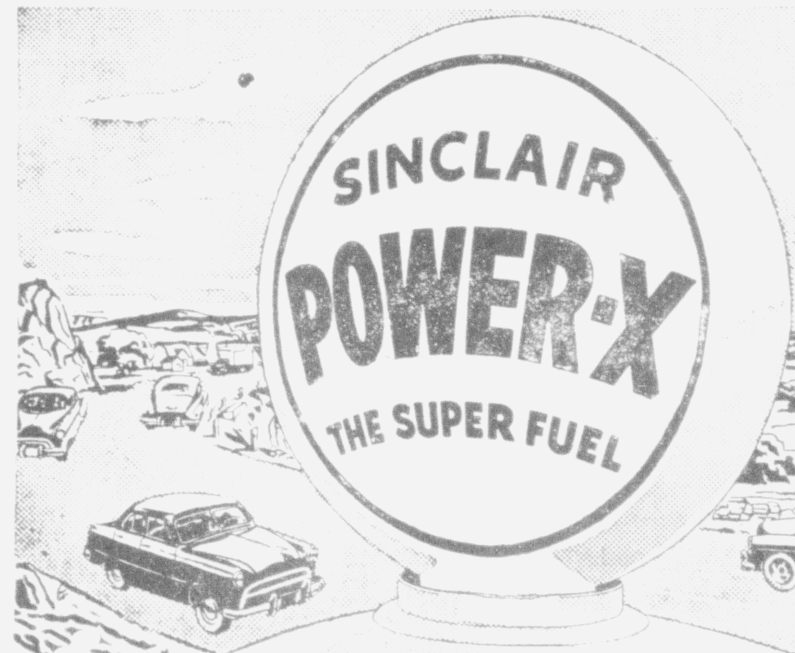
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Women's Beautiful NYLON GOWNS



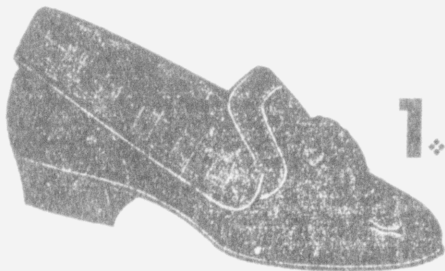
Fray-Proof

Pink—White

5.95

Lovely women's gowns made of nylon tricot! Seams constructed so as not to fray out. Trimmed with nylon lace in midriff. A gift she'll be proud of. Sizes 34 to 40.

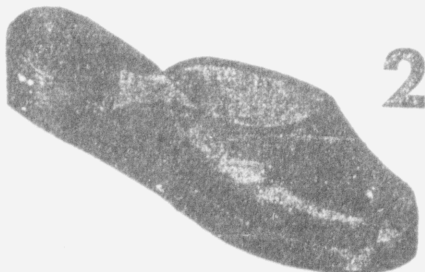
WOMEN'S FELT HOUSE SHOES



1.98

Felt house shoe in either hard or soft sole. Reinforced leather toe! Perfect as a gift. Comes in wine and blue. Sizes 5 to 8.

Women's Capeskin SLIDE IN



2.98

Red, Blue in soft Capeskin. Platform sole. Sizes 5 to 8.

CHENILLE BED SPREADS

5.95 to 12.95

Satin COMFORTS

Wool-Filled
7.95 and 9.95

VANETTE HOSIERY



51 Gauge 1.35

45 Gauge 1.15

COSTUME JEWELRY

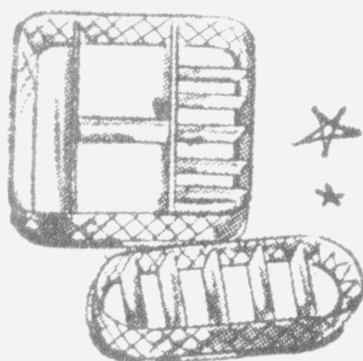


1.00 and 2.00

Gold, silver, rhinestone, to add to her holiday glamour. Ear screws, necklaces, pins, bracelets.

BEAUTIFUL COMPACTS **1.00**

DRESSER ACCESSORIES



1.00

LUNCHEON SETS

COLORFUL PRINTS—SOLIDS

54x54 4 Napkins **3.79**

52x72 6 Napkins **4.98**

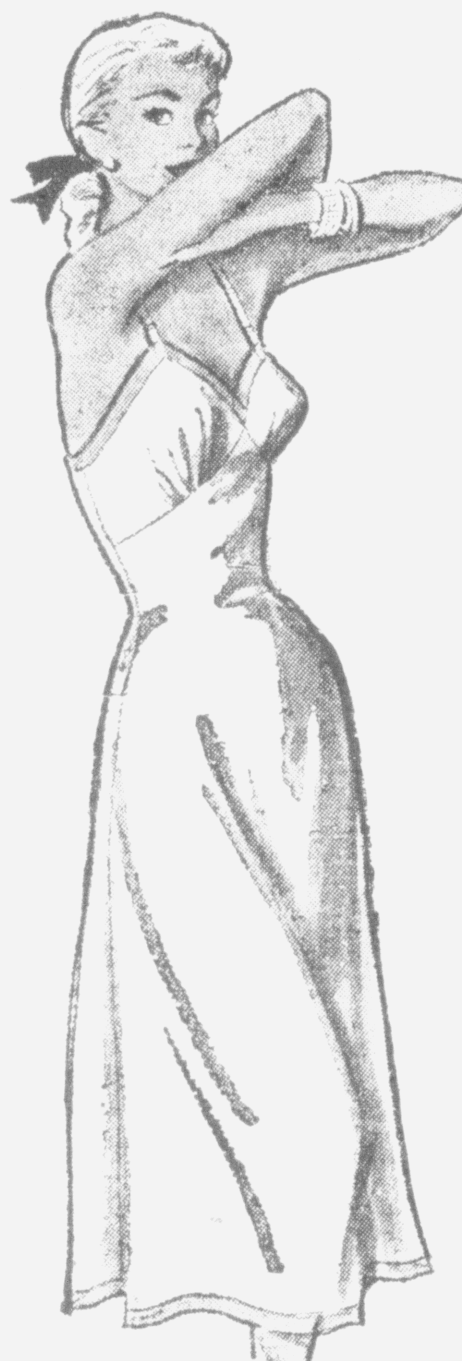
54x72 6 Napkins **5.95**

CLOTHS: \$1.98 and 2.98

DINNER SETS

5.50 to 11.95

Carter's NYLON TRICOTS



NYLON SLIPS

Lovely nylon slips by Carter. White. Sizes 32 to 44.

5.95 and 7.95

CARTER'S NYLON GOWNS

Beautiful sheer nylon gowns colors pink, blue, coral, azalea. Sizes 32 to 40.

7.95 and 10.95

CARTER'S NYLON PANTIES

Brief or Trunk style, white or pink. Size 5 to 7.

1.65 and 2.00

CARTER'S RAYON PANTIES

59c and 85c

Carter's GAY-COLORED "SPANKY PANTS"



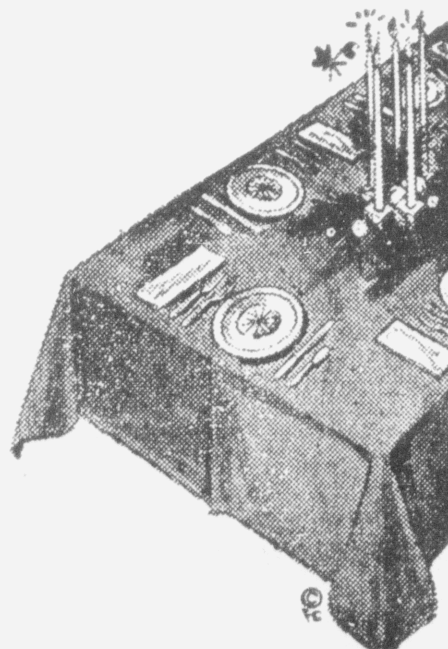
Here are Carter's brief young panties that are at home on a school chair ... a party hassock ... a playground swing. Dimple dot knit cotton fashioned for fit with nicely finished reinforced crotch, elasticized leg ruffle, and long-lived elastic waistband. Pick your colors — they're wash fast!

COLORS:
WHITE, RED,
YELLOW, BLUE

79

(a pair)

And they're Carter-Sit — won't shrink out of fit!



JOE WRENS HONOR G. W. TRUSSELL ON 80TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wren honored Mr. C. W. Trussell of Fort Worth who was 80 years old and is Mrs. Wren's father, with a birthday dinner at their home last Sunday.

The following guests were present: Mrs. G. W. Trussell, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Byrom, Mrs. Evelyn Fulp, Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Shields, Francis, Tommy, and Billy, all of Fort Worth; Mr.

Mrs. W. C. Shults and Mrs. Ira Maley were Fort Worth visitors Monday.

Perkins-Timberlake

GIVE HIM . . .

SHIRTS

by

MANHATTAN

2.95, 3.95

and **4.50**



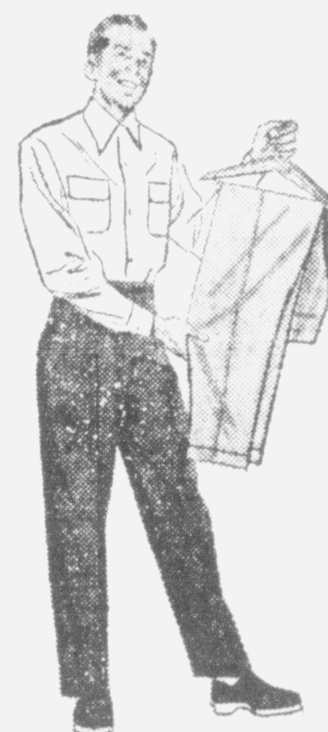
SOLIDS, WHITES, FANCIES

MEN'S

Fine

SLACKS

12.95



Fine Wool

Flannels

Sheen

Gaberdines

Tan- Brown -Grey

HANES Athletic

SHIRTS

75c

Sizes 34 to 46

SHORTS

\$1.00

Boxer or Gripps
Size 28 to 44



CHRISTMAS TIES

Special Selections at

1.00

1.50 to 2.50



BOYS COATS

AT THIS SPECIAL PRICE!

Colors:
Blue
Green
Brown

5.00

Regular
6.95 Value

Just what he wants for Christmas! This two-tone gabardine sport jacket. Zipper front with rayon lining. Fitted in back with saddle stitching on the collar. Water repellent and wrinkle resistant Front yoke is of darker color background with white dots as an effective trim. These coats were taken from our new Fall stock! Sizes 8 to 16.